Junghar at Ittinayar Kadavu Ferry.

192 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the representation made in the Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the sanctioning of a junghar at Ittinayar Kadavu Ferry on the Puliyoor-Mannar road; and

(*b*) the action taken by the Department in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been prepared which is pending sanction for want of funds.

Appointments in the Public Works Department.

193 *MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed an Executive Engineer in the Water Works;

(*b*) the caste to which he belongs;

(*c*) the qualification he possesses;

(*d*) whether there are seniors to him in the P. W. D. with better qualifications who were overlooked in this appointment, and the reasons for overlooking them;

(*e*) whether an Assistant Engineer has been appointed in the Water Works:

(*f*) the caste to which he belongs;

(*g*) whether there are seniors to him in the P. W. D. with qualifications who were overlooked when making this appointment and the reasons for overlooking them;

(*h*) whether a Sub-Engineer has been appointed at Pallivasal under the Resident Engineer;

(*i*) the caste to which he belongs;

(*j*) whether there are seniors to him with qualifications in the P. W. D. whose claims were overlooked and the reasons for overlooking them?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO (*Water Works and Drainage Engineer to Government*): (*a*) Yes, in the temporary establishment.

(*b*) Brahmin.

(*c*) Diplomaed Civil Engineer on the College of Engineering, Madras. Long experience in general construction in the P. W. D. as Assistant Engineer. Experience in the Specialist Service of Water Works Engineering in the Water Works and Drainage Department.

(*d*) As the P. W. D. and the Water Works and Drainage Engineering Department are two different Departments, the question of comparison of the officers in the two different Departments in respect of seniority does not arise. He was however the seniormost Assistant Engineer in the Water Works and Drainage Department in which he was appointed as Temporary Executive Engineer.

(*e*) Yes, in the temporary establishment.

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[Vastu Vidia Kusala C. Balakrishna Rao.]

(*f*) Brahmin.

(*g*) Same answer as item (*d*) above. He was the seniormost Supervisor in the Water Works and Drainage Department eligible for promotion as Assistant Engineer.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) Brahmin.

(*j*) Yes. The promotion as acting Sub-Engineer was made without prejudice to the claims of his seniors in the interest of Government service.

MR E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: I should like to know why the principles adopted in the answer given to parts (*d*) and (*g*) should be particularly enforced in the case of the Water Works Department alone while it is not enforced in the case of part (*j*), the Electrical Department?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: The men who were promoted were the seniormost in the Water Works Department and eligible for promotion.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: In the case of the man given in part (*i*) he was not in the Electrical Department at all. May I know why the difference should have occurred?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: The officer appointed was in the Pallivasal Scheme in the Electrical Department had previous experience, and he was appointed without prejudice to his seniors.

Shertala-Arukutty road.

194 ✻ **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP** (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): With regard to the Shertala-Arukutty road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total length of the road;

(*b*) the total amount spent for the construction;

(*c*) whether there are bridges and culverts yet to be constructed;

(*d*) if so, how many and what is the estimated cost for the construction of the same;

(*e*) whether the road is fit for vehicular traffic at present; and

(*f*) the annual allotment per mile for maintenance?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Fourteen miles and 4 furlongs.

(*b*) Rs. 77,512-3-6.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Two bridges, one at Poochakal and the other at Chenganda. The estimated cost of the former is Rs. 4,400 and no estimate has been prepared for the latter.

(*e*) Yes, up to the 9th mile.

(*f*) Rs. 200 per mile.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know from the member when the road was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I khow why the bridges have not yet been completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: For want of funds.

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